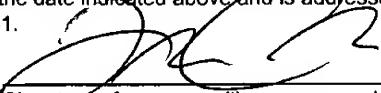


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 1, line 5, before "The invention relates to apoptosis.", add the following:

--Cross Reference To Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/576,956, filed December 22,
~~now U.S. Patent No. 6,156,535~~
5/11/95, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 08/511,485, filed August 4, 1995, now
issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,919,912.--.

At page 6, line 27, replace "IAP disease resistance gene" with --IAP gene--.

At page 18, line 15, replace "Fig. 10 is a Northern blot" with -- Figs. 10A-C are a
series of Northern blots --.

At page 18, line 17, replace "Fig. 11 is a Northern blot" with -- Figs. 11A-C are a
series of Northern blots --.

At page 18, line 19, replace "Fig. 12 is a Northern blot" with -- Figs. 12A-C are a
series of Northern blots --.

At page 19, line 1, after "Tables 1 and 2" insert --(SEQ ID NOS: 45-92)--.

At page 24, line 23, after "MEQKLISEEDL," insert -- (SEQ ID NO: 43) --.

At page 26, line 23, replace "Embo," with -- EMBO --.

At page 27, line 3, replace "Neurobiol," with -- Neurobiol. --.

At page 27, line 27, replace "Virol," with -- Virol. --.

At page 34, line 18, replace "Cell," with -- Cell --.

At page 34, line 18, replace "Nature," with -- Nature --.

At page 36, line 8, replace "Med," with -- Med. --.

Kindly remove the sequence listing found at pages 51-88 and renumber the pages